

Cross Systems Youth Task Force Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2014

I. Introduction

1. Attendance

Present: Chris Blessinger, Rebecca “Becky” Buhner, Mike Commons, Mary DePrez, Cathy Graham, Nichole Hall, Judge Charles Pratt, Angela Reid-Brown, Kate Rusher, Don Travis, Michelle Woodward Judge Steven Galvin, Suzanne Draper, Mary Allen
Not Present:, Tiffany Stewart, Magistrate Heather Mollo, Dan Schroeder, Mary Allen, Jeff Bercovitz, Randal Taylor, Bruce Carter, JauNae Hanger

2. Minutes

Approved from April 24^h meeting, with one correction to the spelling of Cathy Graham’s name.

II. Review of Report to Committee to Improve the Status of Children (CISC)

Distinguish between Dual Jurisdiction and Cross-Systems. The Task Force reviewed the report offered to the Committee to Improve the Status of Children. It was determined that there is a need to educate the public on the differences between dual jurisdiction and cross systems youth. Once this education has been initiated, there can be more productive discussions on how to handle both of these sectors. If Indiana focuses on Cross-Systems, this would be unique among the States. Cross-System youth are without a defined system, sector, or agency, identified to handle them. There is no meaningful data available on them. It is difficult to define them precisely. However, failing to identify them leads to losing them.

Questions: In addressing the Cross-System population,

1. Do we create a new system to address them, expand our current system, or strengthen the informal system?
2. Is “coercive intervention” a necessary element to inclusion in the system?
3. Is there a model like Healthy Families, Family Group Decision Making, Community Mental Health Initiative, Systems of Care/Wraparound, or Collaborative Care, that can partner with these families?

III. Cross Systems work groups – identification, discussion, and assignment

The task force discussed the proposed work groups and decided that the work groups should be identified by the age of the youth affected. The group identifications were moved, seconded and passed unanimously. The three groups were identified as:

Early Childhood age youth (age 0-8)

Middle-tier age youth (age 9-15)

Transition age youth (age 16-21)

Work Groups

Task Force members/agencies were assigned to the three work groups as follows:

Early Childhood: DMHA, JTAC, GAL/CASA, First-Steps

Middle-tier: DMHA, IARCA, JTAC, Probation, GAL/CASA

Transition: DOC (C. Blessinger, chair), DMHA, IARCA, JTAC, Probation, GAL/CASA

These assignments indicate that these agencies will assign a representative individual to the work group, or that the Task Force member will personally serve on the work group. Each Work Group should have at least one Task Force member to act as the chair to direct and delegate on behalf of the Task Force.

The following additional non-member agencies and individuals were identified as possible assignments to the work groups:

Indiana University School of Social Work, Department of Health, the medical professional community, Magistrates Nancy Gettinger, local community department of health. Task force members were asked to provide additional names to the co-chairs following the meeting.

Work Group questions to explore

The Work Groups will explore the following questions within the age-groups and populations:

- 1) What systems collaborate effectively for the provision of services to these youth?
- 2) What mechanisms are in place that enable these systems to work well together?
- 3) What are the barriers to collaboration for the provision of services to these youth?
- 4) What action is necessary to eliminate these barriers?
- 5) What role does substance abuse have in addressing the needs of youth in this population?
- 6) What action is necessary to address the substance abuse issue in this population?
- 7) What data is needed and how is this data going to help in the provision of services to these youth?
- 8) What data is currently available on these youth and who has this data?
- 9) Is the data that is available on these youth being shared for the provision of services to these youth?
- 10) If data is not being shared for these youth, what are the barriers preventing the sharing of information?

IV. Cross Systems Youth Conference

There is discussion regarding the possibility of planning a conference later this fall or sometime in 2015 to discuss cross system youth in general, and bring additional collaborative partners together to better understand these issues.

V. Next Steps: For the next Task Force Meeting

1. Identify which Work Group(s) in which you would like to be involved. (To be completed as soon as possible.)
2. Identify any additional individuals that you would like to have the co-chairs consider for participation on a Work Group. (To be completed as soon as possible.)

VI. Next meeting dates (on agenda)

August 28, 2014	1:00 – 3:00
October 30, 2014	1:00 – 3:00
December 18, 2014	1:00 – 3:00